



BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

AFGHANISTAN
Lieutenant General Abdul Haq ULOMI
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(U) NAME: Lieutenant General Abdul Haq ULOMI, Republic of Afghanistan Army (variant: Olomi, Olumi, Ulumi; also could be referred to as Colonial General, following the Soviet system of ranking).

POSITION: Apparently, Lieutenant General ULOMI wears several hats. His more dominant roles in order of importance seem to be: secretary to the Supreme Council for the Defense of the Homeland; Armed Forces representative in the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan;

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POLITICS: ULOMI is a professional army officer who is loyal to President Najibullah. In pledging his support, he vows not to spare any self-sacrifice in the implementation of the national reconciliation policy and in the defense of his country. He appears to be a tribal strategist, relying on his Barakzai-Durani background to appeal to the powerful Durani tribes, as well as others.

PERSONAL DATA: Background data concerning ULOMI is sketchy; however, his heritage is with the Durani tribes. The present city of Qandahar (Kandahar) is the seat of the government of Qandahar Province. The city was built in the 18th century by Ahmed Shah Durani, the founder of modern Afghanistan, and Durani tribes surround the city.

(U) CAREER: ULOMI was promoted to major general in April 1988. In January 1989, he was promoted to lieutenant general (Soviet variant: colonel general). There is no available explanation for his rapid advancement.

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